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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr. Layton R. McCurdy, Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

**From:** Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chairman, and Members of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**Informational Report on Approved and Terminated Programs**  
**FY 2003- 2004**

**Background**

This report contains information on the number of new programs (including centers, off-campus locations, and tracks for teacher certification) approved and existing programs terminated by the Commission during FY 2003-2004. A total of 23 new programs were added and 35 were terminated during FY 2003-2004. Of these 35 terminations, nine were for off-site locations only with the program being maintained at the main campus of the institution. The actual listing of programs approved and terminated is found in **Attachments 1 and 2**. The terminations are presented by institution. This information is presented to members of the Committee to provide an overview of program approval activity for the past year.

Of the 23 new programs approved, seven were at technical colleges in FY 2003-04. Five general areas of programmatic growth can be identified:

- six in health-related fields- including five at technical colleges;
- four in teacher education in new or critical shortage certification areas;
- five in social sciences/humanities;
- three in technology-related fields; and
- two new centers

The remainder of the new program activity (three new programs) occurred in science, sports, and real estate. Program development was particularly strong at the undergraduate level with eight at the bachelor's degree, seven at the associate's degree level, and one undergraduate certificate approved.

There were also five new master's degrees. Both new centers were at a research institution, Clemson University. Under current CHE Guidelines, only centers intending to request state funding require CHE approval.

Of the 35 existing programs, tracks, and centers terminated in FY 2003-04, six general areas can be identified for program deletion:

- 19 in teacher education, preparatory to NCATE site visits for accreditation
- 11 centers/institutes
- 1 Industrial
- 1 Engineering
- 3 in health related fields; and
- 1 in library science at an out-of-state location

**Attachment 1** lists new program approvals. **Attachment 2** shows terminations.

The majority of terminations came from USC-Columbia with a total of 24 programs and centers closed. As noted above, several of these terminations were for off-campus locations only. Francis Marion University closed six programs, all of which were in teacher education. Lander University closed three programs, two of which were in teacher education, and two were from the technical colleges. USC-Upstate closed one program, an associate degree in nursing, but this program will be replaced at Spartanburg Technical College which has developed a similar program in nursing to allow students to pursue a two-year nursing program in the Spartanburg area.

The data presented in this report indicate that for FY 2003-04 the majority of terminations have been in the field of teacher education. These terminations most likely result from the accreditation cycle occurring under the state's partnership with the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) during 2003-04 and 2004-05. Institutions closed programs that have been documented to be either non-productive or not meeting professional standards. USC-Columbia closed many off-site programs that had not been active in several years.

This report is being presented to the Commission on Higher Education for information only.

## **Attachments**